

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

This Amendment cancels Claims 1, 21 and 23; amends Claims 4, 10 and 19-20; and adds new Claims 24-28. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims are originally filed. In particular, support for Claim 19 is found in the specification at least at page 63, line 3 ("laminated") and page 64, line 6 ("multilayer film"). Support for Claim 24 is found in the specification at least at page 66, line 12 ("filler") and at page 69, lines 13-21. Support for Claims 25-27 is found in the specification at least in canceled Claim 21. Support for Claim 28 is found at least in Claim 14. It is believed that no new matter would be introduced by entry of these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, claims 2-20, 22 and 24-28 will be pending in this application. Claims 2 and 4 are independent.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby affirm the provisional election with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, Claims 1-22.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of the remarks that follow.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of Claim 1 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,566,453. Claim 1 is canceled so the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.


Claims 2-22 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-78 of U.S. Patent No. 6,566,453. To obviate the rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,566,453 is attached.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,566,453

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